

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The 10/23/06 Final Office Action rejected previously pending claims 4, 6-10, and 12-16. The Final Office Action indicated that claims 1-3 and 17-20 were allowed. The Examiner's noted indication of allowability of these claims is appreciated.

In order to facilitate the prosecution of this present application, and without prejudice to the filing continued prosecution applications, such as continuation applications, claims 4, 6-10, and 12-16 are canceled by the present amendment. It is respectfully submitted that the cancellation of the claims by this present amendment should not be interpreted as an agreement with the rejection set forth in the Final Office Action.

The present amendment provides for minor amendments to claims 1 and 17-19 in order to improve the form of the claims. Following entry of the present amendment, claims 1-3 and 17-20 remain pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that as indicated in Final Office, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the pending claims and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2001 under Order No. ZMIC-600. **A duplicate copy of the transmittal cover sheet attached to this Response is provided.**

Respectfully submitted,

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